

such apparatus and boxes; and that if the mains or pipes be removed, or changed or altered, then it shall be the duty of the owners of waterworks, who they are hereby required, to replace and fix like apparatus, in the same or like situations, and at the same distances, or as near as conveniently may be; and that the expense of any such apparatus and boxes (except when the same shall have been occasioned by the removal of the mains and pipes, or other act of God, or by the duty of the owners borne by the parishes and places within which they may be situated, out of the funds by this Act provided for the purposes thereof; and that if at any time there arise any dispute or question as to such works, or as to the person in which such works shall be executed, or as to the expense thereof, then such dispute or question shall be referred to the official referees; and that thereupon, for such purpose, as well as for the purpose of the first inquiry as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for them, and they are hereby required, to make such order and award in respect of the matter in question, and in respect of the costs of the reference to them, as to them shall seem fit; and for that purpose to authorize such survey of the works or place in question, and to examine witnesses on oath or otherwise, and to require the production of papers, as they shall think necessary, for determining the matter in question; and their award, duly signed and sealed, according to the provisions in that behalf of a certain Act passed, or to be passed, in the present session of parliament for regulating the construction and use of buildings in the metropolis and its neighbourhood, shall be final; and that if the owners of such waterworks fail to comply with the provisions of this Act in this behalf, or with such order and award, either as regards the providing, the fixing, the protecting or the repairing, replacing and fixing such apparatus and protection boxes as aforesaid, then they shall forfeit for every fire-plug and fire-cock so wilfully omitted to be provided, placed or fixed, or replaced and fixed, the penalty of ten pounds.

**6. Service of Mains for extinction of Fires.—Penalty.**—And be it enacted, with regard to the several waterworks, so far as relates to the service of the mains with water for the extinction of fires, that as well as it shall be the duty of the owners of the several waterworks, the mains of which lie within the limits of this Act, and they are hereby required, to keep such mains duly charged with water; and that if such owners fail so to duly charge such mains, then, on conviction thereof, they shall forfeit for every wilful default in that behalf a sum not exceeding ten pounds.

**7. Access to Waterworks.—Penalty.**—And be it enacted, with regard to such several waterworks, so far as relates to access thereto, that it shall be the duty of the owners of the several waterworks, the mains of which lie within the limits of this Act, and they are hereby required, to cause duplicate keys of all the branch mains within every parish to be deposited at the engine-house for such parish, and at the nearest police station; and that if such owners fail so to do, then, on conviction thereof, they shall forfeit for every wilful default in that behalf a sum not exceeding ten pounds.

**8. FIRE-KNOCKERS.—B. Supply of Fire-engines, and by Parishes.—Penalty.**—And be it enacted, that the several parishes, and the several Reporters of Churches, shall be required to provide for Engines not to kept.—Sale of old Engines.—Application of Proceeds.—And be it enacted, with regard to fire engines and implements, so far as relates to the supply thereof, that at all times hereafter it shall be the duty of the churchwardens and overseers of every parish within the limits of this Act, to cause such engines, by required, to have, and to keep in good order and repair; and in some known and public place within such parish, at least one large engine and one set of scaling-ladders, and such other implements and things as are required and specified in the Schedule, (B.) hereunto annexed; in the proportion of one engine, one set of scaling-ladders, one set of the requisite implements, in respect of every one hundred and fifty thousand pounds of the rental assessed to the poor-rate of such parish; and that it shall be lawful for such churchwardens and overseers, and they are hereby authorized, to retain and keep in repair, to purchase, or otherwise obtain, any other engines, ladders, implements, or things whatsoever not conformable to the directions of this Act; and that within two months after Easter in each year,

and from time to time, it shall be the duty of the churchwardens and overseers, and they are hereby required, to report to the petty sessions of the division within which such parish shall be situated, the state of the said engines, ladders, and other implements and things; and that no reward shall be payable under the provisions hereinafter contained, in respect of any engine which shall not be of the dimensions and so provided as by this Act directed: provided always, with regard to such engines, ladders, implements, and things whatsoever, so far as relates to the disposal of such of them as shall not be conformable to the requisitions of this Act, or such of them as shall exceed the number hereby required, that from time to time it shall be lawful for the churchwardens and overseers of every parish within the limits of this Act, and they are hereby authorized, subject to the consent of the majority of the parishioners in vestry assembled, or if there be a select vestry, then subject to the consent duly given of such select vestry,—to make sale and dispose of such engines, ladders, implements, and things in any way which may be deemed proper, and with regard to the proceeds thereof, when so sold and disposed of, so far as relates to the application of such proceeds, that it shall be the duty of such churchwardens and overseers to apply the same in the same manner as any rate levied for the relief of the poor, or as any other fund by or by means of which the costs of such engines and other implements shall have been originally defrayed.

**9. Preservation of Engines.—Repair of Engine, Hose, Ladders, &c.—Penalty.**—And be it enacted, with regard to parish-engines and implements, so far as relates to the preservation thereof, that it shall be the duty of the churchwardens and overseers of every parish within the limits aforesaid, and they are hereby required, to provide one engine-house or more, sufficient to contain as well every such large engine as the scaling-ladders and other implements hereinbefore required to be kept by every such parish; and that if any churchwarden or overseer of any parish neglect to have and keep in good repair every such large engine, hose, ladders, and other implements or any of them, or to cause one engine-house or more to be kept as aforesaid, for every such default a sum not exceeding ten pounds.

**10. Access to Engines.—Duplicate Keys.**—And be it enacted, with regard to parish-engines, so far as relates to access thereto, that at all times it shall be the duty of the engine-keepers in every parish, and he is hereby required, to live within a hundred yards of the engine-house, and to keep a key of such engine-house; and that it shall be the duty of the churchwardens and overseers, and they are hereby required, to deposit duplicate keys of the engine-house at the nearest police-station, and also with every one of the four men whose duty it shall be to work the respective engines.

**11. Quarterly working of Engines, &c.—Residence of Engine-workers.—Quarterly Fees to Workers of Engines, and to others working at Fires.**—And be it enacted, with regard to parish-engines, so far as relates to the trial and proving thereof, that it shall be the duty of the churchwardens to employ at least four able men to work every engine and try the ladders and implements hereinbefore required to be provided by the respective parishes within the limits of this Act, once in every three months; and that it shall be the duty of such men, and they are hereby required, to assist in the maintenance and repair of the respective engine-houses, and to work and to assist in working such engines and implements on all occasions of fire within their respective parishes; and that such persons shall be paid by the churchwardens and overseers of their respective parishes a quarterly fee, as specified in the table of fees and rewards in Schedule (C.) hereunto annexed; and that it shall also be the duty of the churchwardens, in every parish in which any fire may originate, and they are hereby required, to pay unto as many persons as may be required to work such engines such compensation as shall be usually paid in similar cases by the several companies for insurance against loss of property by fire.

**12. Rewards.**—And be it enacted, with regard to rewards, so far as relates to the amount thereof, that the turncocks, firemen, and other

persons respectively mentioned in the Schedule (C.) hereunto annexed, shall be paid by the churchwardens and overseers the rewards specified in the said schedule.

**13. Distribution and payment of Rewards.—Consent of Justices.**—And be it enacted, with regard to such rewards, so far as relates to the distribution and payment thereof, that if a fire happen in any parish, then, on its being proved by the testimony of two or more credible witnesses to a justice of the peace that some part of the building in which the fire happened, or any fixtures therein, shall have been scorched by such fire, it shall be the duty of such justice, and he is hereby required, to issue an order, under his hand and seal, to the churchwardens and overseers, directing them to pay such rewards as such justice shall think to be due under the provisions of this Act; and that, thereupon, it shall be the duty of the churchwardens and overseers of such parish, and they are hereby required, to pay such rewards.

**14. Repayment of Rewards by Parties causing Fires.—Proceedings of Justices.—Non-appearance of Party offending.—Distress.**—And be it enacted, with regard to such rewards, so far as relates to the repayment thereof, that if any fire occur in a chimney only, be occasioned by the taking fire of any chimney only, then the occupier of any room or apartment to which any such chimney belongs, being a lodger or inmate to or with any tenant, renter or holder of any building, of which such room or apartment is part, or, if such chimney belong not to any such lodger or inmate, then the tenant, renter or occupier of the building wherein any such fire as last mentioned first begins, shall be liable to reimburse and pay to the churchwardens and overseers all rewards or other recompense made pursuant to the directions of this Act, in respect of any such fire, or such part of such rewards, as any justice of the peace upon the application and complaint of such churchwardens and hearing the party complained against, shall, under his hand and seal, award direct; and that, to the end that such justice may be better enabled to award and direct what may in any such case be just and reasonable, it shall be lawful for such justice, and he is hereby authorized, to summon before him the party complained against, and to examine him on oath (which the said justice is hereby empowered and required to administer without fee or reward); and that if, on being so summoned, the party complained against fail to appear, then it shall be lawful for such justice, under his hand and seal, authorized, to proceed to examine the matter of the complaint and such evidence as is produced; and thereupon to make such award and direction as shall be just and reasonable, and as if the party making such default of appearance had been present and had been heard in his defence; and that, if, within fourteen days after demand of any sum of money so awarded and directed to be reimbursed or repaid to any such churchwardens and overseers, such sum be not so reimbursed or repaid, then, on application being made to such justice or any justice, it shall be his duty to grant a warrant, under his hand and seal, empowering such churchwardens and overseers to distrain, or to demand of any person so liable to be repaid, or on any other part of any house or building whereof such room or apartment is part.

**15. Fire-Engines, &c. to be paid for out of Poor Rates.—Levy and Recovery of Rates.—Accountability of Officers.**—And be it enacted, with regard to the funds requisite for the purpose of this Act, so far as relates to the raising thereof to defray the charges of providing and maintaining such fire-plugs and fire-cocks, and other apparatus for the service of water, and such fire-engines, and other implements and materials, and such ladders and such engine-houses, and the payment of engine-keepers and other persons employed to work the engines, and the payment of rewards to such persons as by this Act; that from time to time, as often as there shall be occasion, subject to the consent of the majority of such inhabitants as shall be